

**GREEN BAY NEIGHBORHOOD  
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 3, 2013 5:30 p.m.**  
**Wally's Spot**  
**1979 Main Street**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERS:**

<u>X</u> Molly Martzke (Astor)	<u>ABS</u> Bob Srenaski (Lake Largo)	<u>X</u> Jim Haskins (Olde Norwood)
<u>X</u> Bobbie Lison (Astor East River)	<u>X</u> Gary Coleman (Lombardi)	<u>EXC</u> Rae Ellen Smith (Perkins Park Area)
<u>ABS</u> Skip Wilson (Baird Creek)	<u>EXC</u> James Andersen (MacArthur Heights)	<u>ABS</u> Jen DuMez (Red Smith)
<u>X</u> David Blackman (Bay Highlands)	<u>X</u> Beth Spears/Joe Vanidestine (Maple Arches)	<u>X</u> Patrick Kloster (Schmitt Park)
<u>X</u> Tony Peters (Colburn)	<u>X</u> Jim Ridderbush (Marquette Park)	<u>ABS</u> Miriah Kelley (Seymour Park)
<u>X</u> Ben Heiman (Downtown)	<u>X</u> Bob Heroux (Mather Heights)	<u>X</u> Debbie Tilot (Starlite)
<u>X</u> Trudy Jacobson (East Shore Drive)	<u>X</u> Scott DeBaker (McAuliffe Park)	<u>ABS</u> Gary Simon (Tank)
<u>X</u> Caroline Stoviak (Fireman's Park)	<u>X</u> Ann Hartman (Navarino)	<u>X</u> Steve Boehlen (Three Corners)
<u>EXC</u> Joy Glass (Fisk Addition)	<u>X</u> Dick Pigeon (Nicolet Drive)	<u>X</u> Diane Matthews (Unified S. Broadway)
<u>X</u> Lawrence Ferry (Fort Howard)	<u>X</u> Greg Maloney (NW Railway Garden)	<u>X</u> Scott Vanidestine (Wilder Park)
<u>ABS</u> Mike Erickson (Joannes Park)	<u>X</u> Dan Theno (Oak Grove)	<u>ABS</u> Adam Moore (Woodside Heights)
<u>X</u> Becky Lemmens (John Muir Park)		

**APPOINTED MEMBERS**

<u>X</u> Mayor Jim Schmitt
<u>X</u> Noel Halvorsen, Executive Director of NeighborWorks, <b>Chair</b>
<u>X</u> Rob Strong, Director of Planning and Development, <b>Vice Chair</b>
<u>X</u> Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Neighborhood Development Supervisor
<u>EXC</u> Andy Rosendahl, Neighborhood Development Specialist, <b>Treasurer</b>
<u>X</u> Sadie Di Natale, Neighborhood Support Specialist, <b>Secretary</b>
<u>X</u> Paula Breese, Executive Director of FCR NEW
<u>X</u> Melanie Czipinski Skalmoski, Crime Prevention Coordinator

**ROLL CALL:** Representatives from participating nonprofit agencies, CSI's, Bill Kloiber, Alderman Dave Boyce.

**1. Consent Agenda**

The meeting of January 3<sup>rd</sup> began at 5:30pm. Minutes of November 1, 2012 and financial report were approved with a motion made by Dan Theno of Oak Grove Neighborhood Association and seconded by Scott Vanidestine of Wilder Park Neighborhood Association. Motion carried.

**2. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Jim Schmitt spoke about the Packer Pep Rally which was on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in front of the Court House. Expected speakers aside from Mayor Schmitt were Mark Murphy.

Mayor Schmitt pointed out that the City's focus this year is to be on residents. As a City we've done a good job focusing on businesses, he said, and now that we are feeling good about where business is we now need to work on getting more people living within the city. The sales pitch to get people moving into Green Bay Neighborhoods is to be "go talk to the neighbors". In fact, a recent developer purposing a property downtown was curious about the area and the people living near it, he was told to go talk to the neighbors and after knocking on doors and talking to Green Bay residents he brought back a great report. Cheryl Renier-Wigg added that the City is also working on branding Neighborhood Associations as a way to increase communication from neighbors. One way of branding the Association names is by listing the Association names instead of subdivision names on MLS real estate listing pages.

Mayor Schmitt went on to discuss the recent struggles between the City and St John's Homeless Shelter. Mayor Schmitt stated that Green Bay has always been an advocate for homelessness and in fact every homeless shelter within Brown County is within the City of Green Bay. The City has stood by and provided assistance when the shelter on Broadway was moved to Mather St, during the approval of the NEW Community Shelter, and when the Freedom House moved and expanded after rezoning the area.

While the City is trying to work with St John's it was stated that the City and the Mayor himself is being painted as critical and working against the shelter. Basically, to explain the side of the City, St John's has not been in compliance with codes and that makes the shelter subject to pay fines. The Shelter is holding more people than the building was meant to hold. Although the City does not want to turn people away who are in need of help, it is a safety issue for the shelter to house more people than originally intended. Unfortunately, one reason for the increase of people is due to 43% of the homeless there come from outside Brown County. It is vital that other mayors from outside of Green Bay and Brown County step up and do something about the homelessness in their area. There will be a Task Force meeting coming up on January 10<sup>th</sup> to plan for the long term and work on additional solutions.

Scott DeBaker of McAuliffe Park asked the question about the status of the recent Main Water Break and the closing of part of Mason St. Mayor Schmitt stated that it will be reopened tomorrow (January 4).

Lastly, Mayor Schmitt spoke on getting all Alderperson's and their district's Association Presidents together to discuss projects and money granted by the City to also include the GBNLC Funded Mini-Grant Program. Meetings will be set up and coordinated by the City before the end of March and then released to the presidents.

### **3. Fire Department**

Discussion tabled due to scheduling conflict.

### **4. 2013 Budget Proposal**

The GBNLC budget proposal for 2013 has been completed and approved by the Steering Committee. Some differences from last year's budget includes: money for Crime Prevention has been completely eliminated due to not being accessed for a number of years and \$4000 was added for Activity Arsenal because the Steering Committee has been looking into potentially getting new or replacement activity equipment for the GBNLC. The total amount budgeted for 2013 amounts to \$141,340.00 which was reviewed and unanimously adopted by the GBNLC Steering Committee. A motion made to adopt the budget as it stands was made by Scott Vanidestine of Wilder Park Neighborhood Association and seconded by Jim Ridderbush of Marquette Park. All were in favor, motion carried.

Cheryl Renier-Wigg mentioned that the GBNLC is looking at fundraising soon for the GBNLC capital campaign. Please contact Cheryl at [CherylRe@GreenBayWI.gov](mailto:CherylRe@GreenBayWI.gov) if you would like to help out with this or be involved in the process.

### **5. Ratification of Appointments and Election of Officers**

As the GBNLC Bylaws state in Article ii, Section 1, the members of the GBNLC shall consist of Association Presidents or their designee and Appointed Members. To correct the membership of the GBNLC the Steering Committee acted to appoint the following people to be voting members of this corporation: Mayor Jim Schmitt, Noel Halvorsen, Rob Strong, Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Andy Rosendahl, Sadie Di Natale, Paula Breese, and Melanie Czynski Skalmoski. These appointed members are also subject to the ratification by all other acting members. The Treasurer position, a recent vacancy, is also subject to the ratification of all acting members. The GBNLC the Steering Committee acted to nominate Andy Rosendahl to be Treasurer of the organization. Dan Theno of Oak Grove Neighborhood Association entertained a motion to ratify the appointed candidates and officer position which was seconded by Scott Vanidestine of Wilder Park Neighborhood Association. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

### **6. Art and Beautification Committee**

Cheryl Renier-Wigg spoke about how the GBNLC has budgeted \$10,000 for an Art Beautification Project. This money has not been used so in order to get the ball rolling the GBNLC has decided to set up a subcommittee to start a project to be incorporated within Neighborhood Association boundary areas. There are no ideas thus far, only a mission to catalyze the neighborhoods around art. Volunteers for this committee include Scott Vanidestine, Ben Heiman, Steve Boehlen, Noel Halvorsen, Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Sadie DiNatale, and Leandro Burda. Mayor Schmitt added that we want this group to get creative with whatever project they choose because we want people to talk about this and positively associate it with the Leadership Council and its Associations.

If you or an interested board member from your Association would like to join the Committee please contact Sadie Di Natale at [SadieDi@GreenBayWI.gov](mailto:SadieDi@GreenBayWI.gov).

## 7. City Staff Update

Cheryl Renier-Wigg: Commented that Leadership Council Meetings are a great time to connect with your CSI's and keep them posted on events and meetings. Also, Cheryl stated that January is a great time to work with your board and start planning the year—layout your budget and what you want to accomplish as an Association. Cheryl also reminded everyone to make sure to have two check signers and since tax season is coming up, it is a good idea to get an audit of your Association's financial books by someone independent.

Sadie Di Natale: There will be a Website Training coming up on January 24. The training will be from 6p-8p at NeighborWorks. Please RSVP at [SadieDi@GreenBayWI.gov](mailto:SadieDi@GreenBayWI.gov).

Noel Halvorsen: Spoke about the importance of putting a Treasurers Report item on meeting agendas. Annual meetings or once a year is also a good time to have the Treasurer present the financial report to the Association to make sure the books are tidied up. This ensures a healthy transition during the time of elections as well.

Melanie Czipinski Skalmoski: Captain Joe Deuster of District A retired at the end of the year. His replacement is Captain Paul Ebel. Melanie also stated that Crime Prevention unit is down to three people. Some new Neighborhood Watches are in the works including one in Oak Grove, Starlite, and Three Corners.

Bill Kloiber: Restated as a reminder that the Packer Pep Rally was January 4 at 3:30-4p and all were welcome.

## 8. Open Forum

Ald. Dave Boyce: Requested to hear any comments or thoughts from the group. He is looking for input from Neighborhood Associations.

Bobbie Lison, Astor East River: Roller skating Event on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10a to 12p.

Paula Breese, FCR NEW: January 7<sup>th</sup> they are releasing their new logo to the public.

Dan Theno, Oak Grove: January 24<sup>th</sup> will be their Annual Meeting/Neighborhood Bingo Night. Andy Rosendahl will be the caller; there will be prizes and a \$100 cash grand prize! Event is to take place at Sullivan School.

Scott DeBaker, McAuliffe Park: Received a lot of calls after the Water Main break and he could not locate information to deliver to his neighbors. Cheryl mentioned that the City could work on creating some form of notification system to bring information to Presidents which concern their neighborhoods or add notifications to the City Page in times of emergency. Mayor Schmitt also mentioned that there will be a senior staff meeting coming up to review this. There is currently a transition with the Fire Chief right now who is usually responsible for the Emergency Operation Center which was not activated at the time of this issue so next time the City will do a better job of notifying it's residents.

Lawrence Ferry, Fort Howard: Spoke about safety that concerns everyone involving gun control and firearm safety. Lawrence took the initiative to make handouts that address six easy steps to securing weapons. These steps include: recording the make, model, caliber, and type of gun; storing firearms in a steel gun cabinet with a built in lock; removing trigger before storing guns; placing the removed gun parts in a plastic bag or container to hide in a separate area; keeping gun cabinet in the basement; and contacting himself or an Officer for assistance if needed.

Ann Hartman, Navarino: Spoke about how offering prizes to get neighbors to come out to Annual meetings does work as it did for their Association by using iPods as grand prizes for their attendees.

## 9. Adjournment

Jim Haskins of Olde Norwood Neighborhood Association made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Scott Vanidestine of Wilder Park Neighborhood Association. Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.